

Marginal Column

ON Monday preceding Whitman Mr. Julian Amery, Conservative M.P. extracted in Parliament an explicit assurance from the Minister of State that there has been no climb-down and no new overture on Suez. Two days later, the present writer was told by a high official, authoritatively, he believes, that Britain would leave Suez in the near future. It has to be added at once that many people have been given many authoritative statements for quite a long time and observers have become somewhat sceptical, that can hardly be any doubt that new contacts have indeed been established with the Nasser regime, and the ground is now prepared in the Press too, for a new agreement. A London Sunday paper remarked that the new G.O.C. British troops Egypt, General Huddell, does not share the "romantic hopes" of Tory extremists about the future of the Canal Zone (i.e. in favour of evacuation). The "Manchester Guardian," in an editorial written in a similar vein, said that "British might recover some of its lost initiative in the Middle East if she would discontinue clinging to an outworn period." And Mr. Amery, in a speech in the House of Commons, said that the Labour Party in the country, side, uttered dire prophecies: before many months, unless we begin to change our policy, we will soon be needed, elsewhere. Therefore, the Canal Zone has come to be called a "sponge sucking up the British Army" — not only in the eyes of those who on principle oppose the extension of the call-up of more servicemen. On the other hand, the fact that Colonel Gamal Abdul Nasser appears to be relatively firm in his attitude, as such things go in Cairo, has given additional impetus to the demand that a new approach to Egypt should be made as soon as possible.

THE real reason for the new initiative to evacuate Suez is not due, it should be stressed, to Egyptian pressure and the renewed acts of terror. These events tend only to delay any solution. It is mainly the fact that 100,000 soldiers are tied to Suez, and that these are needed or will soon be needed, elsewhere. Therefore, the Canal Zone has come to be called a "sponge sucking up the British Army" — not only in the eyes of those who on principle oppose the extension of the call-up of more servicemen. On the other hand, the fact that Colonel Gamal Abdul Nasser appears to be relatively firm in his attitude, as such things go in Cairo, has given additional impetus to the demand that a new approach to Egypt should be made as soon as possible.

WHEN the Anglo-Egyptian talks broke down on May 18, and again on October 21, 1956, it had been widely expected that Britain would evacuate her soldiers within 18 months and would provide some 4,000 technicians for the maintenance of the base during the next five-and-a-half years. (The Army, incidentally, complains that the Treasury, by its policy of cutting military expenditure, has caused the steady deterioration of the Suez base installations.) The Egyptian side, on the other hand, put up with "automatic" re-entry of the British in the case of an attack against any member of the Arab collective security pact. The main points of contention were whether the U.N. should decide on when Britain might re-enter the base (a British proposal rejected by the Egyptians) and the problem of whether the remaining British technicians should, or should not, be in the situation.

IN this situation, it is considered likely in London that Britain will yield on both issues, and there appears to be one trend in the Foreign Office which is in favour of giving up the Suez base unilaterally, without asking for safeguards and guarantees. Such a proposal, however, would be a serious loss of prestige, but the likelihood of obtaining the approval of the bulk of the Conservative Party, let alone the minority, which has been opposing evacuation entirely, is not great. The main point of contention was whether the U.N. should decide on when Britain might re-enter the base (a British proposal rejected by the Egyptians) and the problem of whether the remaining British technicians should, or should not, be in the situation.

Successful Talks in Belgrade on Payments

The first stage of negotiations between Israel representatives in Belgrade and the Government of Yugoslavia on global compensation for nationalized property of Yugoslav Jewish citizens who have emigrated to Israel, has now been brought to a successful conclusion.

JOHNSTON OPENS TALKS

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuters). — Sir Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's Special Middle East Envoy, opened talks today with Arab representatives on harmonizing the waters of the River Jordan for irrigation and hydro-electric schemes.

Egypt, Saudia Agree On Unified Command

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuters). — Egypt and Saudi Arabia have agreed to unify the commands of their armies in accordance with the Arab collective security pact. The Minister of National Guidance, Major Salah Salem, announced here last night.

Major Salem, who was holding a Press conference on his return here from a five-day parley with the King of Saudi Arabia, stated that Egypt and Saudi Arabia had rejected any move to join a Western-sponsored Middle East defence organization pending settlement of outstanding Arab questions, namely the Suez Canal and "Palestine".

Salem said that Egypt and Saudi Arabia had also agreed to check any move to draw the Arab states into the Turco-Pakistani alliance.

(In Ankara last night, the Turkish Grand National Assembly unanimously ratified the Turco-Pakistani pact. The Pakistani Premier, Mohammed Ali, was on a visit to Turkey, he added, the Anglo-Egyptian position remained unchanged.)

Salem said he told King Saud that Egypt's attitude towards "aggression" in the Buraimi oasis "as serious as that in the Suez Canal." On the Canal, he added, the Anglo-Egyptian position remained unchanged.

Salem announced that the Saudi Arabian Defence Minister, Emir Mishaal, is to visit Egypt shortly to implement this new alliance.

He added, "As Arabs and Moslems, we are fully aware of the necessity to preserve the closest relations with Pakistan. If Pakistan, under certain circumstances, is obliged to join a Western alliance, we will not change our attitude towards it." He said that the future will bring us closer together — far from rewarding the manoeuvres and intrigues of the imperialists who have cut a part of the Arab body and presented it as a gift to Israel.

Salem stated that an Islamic congress is to be held in Mecca during this year's pilgrimage. Egypt would also take part in the Islamic conference to be held in Indonesia.

Meanwhile, the Jordan capital of Amman was preparing today to receive the official visit of King Saud, who is due here tomorrow at the invitation of King Hussein. Also due in Amman, one day later, is the leader of the Moslem Brotherhood, Sheikh Hassan Helwanly. He will also visit other Arab capitals and discuss Arab and Islamic affairs with political leaders.

It was learned in Amman today that King Hussein will visit Britain towards the end of this month. The visit was described as "private".

Turco-Pakistan Talks On Military Alliance

ANKARA, Saturday (UP). — The Pakistani Premier, Mr. Mohammed Ali, was presented by the Turkish Premier, Mr. Adnan Menderes, with a copy of the ratified Turco-Pakistani military alliance. Mr. Menderes said that his country would shortly begin close and permanent collaboration with Pakistan in every field.

After this formal visit, negotiations were started at a Cabinet meeting attended by the Pakistani goodwill mission which included the Pakistani Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs and the Pakistan Cabinet Secretary.

Mr. Ali said later that they had discussed the extension of the pact into a regional defence system.

Saudia Appeals to WHO Against British Blockade

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuters). — Saudi Arabia has appealed to the World Health Organization and the International Red Cross to rush food and medical supplies to Hamasa village.

The rich oasis, which lies along the Persian Gulf, is claimed by Saudi Arabia, but Britain contends that it belongs to her ally, the Sultan of Muscat, and partly to the British protectorate of Abu Dhabi.

US May Make Aid Conditional On Keeping Peace

WASHINGTON, Saturday (INA). — Plans to cut off economic aid to any nation found guilty of a breach of the truce by the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization have been formulated by the State Department and communicated to Mr. Francis Russell, U.S. Charge d'Affaires in Israel, who is at present in Washington for consultations.

This contemplated action will be covered by a declaration now being considered in which the U.S. would join Britain and France in a general warning to Israel and the Arab states against fresh violence.

One purpose of the warning would be to "warn Arab states of aggressive Israel expansionism." Another aim would be to reassure Israel which is now very concerned about U.S. arms arrangements with Iraq and the pending grant of U.S. arms to Egypt.

The three-power declaration would reinforce and bring up to date their 1950 guarantee. It would pledge the Western Powers to sever immediately all economic and military assistance to any nation found guilty by the U.N. body of offending against truce regulations. It was indicated here by official sources that the repetition of Kibya or Nahalin would occasion the termination of American aid to Israel.

Mr. Henry Byroade, the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, proposed the new declaration at a secret meeting in Istanbul with U.S. Middle East Envoys. On his return, Mr. Byroade stopped in Paris and London and urged that officials of the French and British Governments join in the U.N. Department-sponsored undertaking.

Official confirmation of the latest development is not available at the moment, but it is pointed out in the direction of an early adoption of the scheme.

Egypt Condemned For Setting Mine

A decision condemning Egyptian action in placing a land mine in Israel territory, was passed at a meeting of the Egyptian-Israeli MAC on Friday.

The Egyptian delegation voted against the decision, which also condemned firing on the peace line and Egyptian positions. At the same time the MAC condemned the unit's return fire on Egyptian positions.

The incident occurred last Tuesday when an Israeli unit was patrolling north of Kibya, near the Gaza Strip.

Tracks leading from the mine were discovered by the U.N. observer, who investigated the same day. Both decisions included requests to take steps to prevent the recurrence of such incidents.

It was learned last night that 40 aluminium mines, valued at \$11,700 have been stolen from Breir farm in the Negev by a group of marauders. Police are following the tracks of the thieves leading to the Gaza Strip.

RUMANIAN RETURNS OF THE PROPAGANDA

LONDON, Saturday (INA). — The Rumanian authorities have begun using returnees from Israel for their anti-Israel propaganda.

The letter concluded: "When I see the rapidly rising standard of living in the Rumanian People's Republic, I must regret my abhorrence of the Nationalist Zionists who have misled the Jewish people."

LARGER NATO FORCES

OTTAWA, Saturday (Reuters). — The Supreme Commander of the Allied powers, General Alfred Gruenther, said yesterday he was asking members of the North Atlantic Council for larger military forces.

found at el Khadr. The arms were part of a larger cache which included many javelins and arrows.

Erskine's Head is Still Worth £2,000 in Egypt

NAIROBI, Saturday (Reuters). — General Sir John Erskine, Commander-in-Chief in East Africa, flew to London tonight for a day of talks. Instead of Cairo to avoid landing in Egypt, where there is a price of £2,000 on his head.

Army headquarters here accept that they understood the General had deliberately decided not to fly by way of Egypt to avoid giving cause for any incident of demonstration. General Erskine had the price placed on his head when he commanded troops during riots there two years ago.

US May Start Jordan River Plan Piecemeal

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade has indicated that the United States may press for a quick start on portions of the Jordan Basin development plan without waiting for agreement on the project as a whole.

In closed-door testimony made public today, Mr. Byroade said that the necessary agreement on the overall plan is "unlikely" in the near future in view of overriding political difficulties.

"It remains true that substantial elements in the plan can be carried out and soon, for the benefit of the Arab refugee programme, without doing violence to the necessary agreement on the overall plan as a whole," Mr. Byroade added.

The statement was part of testimony made during closed hearings of the House Foreign Relations Committee on April 13 and May 3 and released today with secret material deleted.

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UK Wants Close Ties With Israel: Morrison

JERUSALEM, Saturday (Reuters). — There was in Britain today a desire for closer bonds of friendship with Israel, and many circles were following with satisfaction Israel's economic progress, Mr. Herbert Morrison said at Afikim yesterday.

Great changes have taken place since his first visit 19 years ago. What had especially impressed him were the absorption of the Jewish people into the national self-consciousness and political responsibility among the newcomers who have acquired the qualities of good citizenship.

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JORDAN ENVOY TO LONDON RESIGNS

AMMAN, Saturday (Reuters). — The Jordan Ambassador in London, Sulaiman Nabulsi, has submitted his resignation, it was reported at the Foreign Ministry today.

Jewellery, Gold Found Near Pyramid

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuters). — Ancient gold bracelets and Jewellery have been found in the sand during clearing operations at the recently discovered Sakakra step pyramid, believed to contain the mummy of a pharaoh who died 4,700 years ago.

This was announced today by Dr. Zakaria Goseim, archaeologist who discovered the unopened tomb. He expects to find in it the body of a third dynasty pharaoh in a golden sarcophagus surrounded by necklaces and girdles set with precious stones.

SUMMER TIME Clocks were put forward one hour at two o'clock this morning in Israel went on Summer Time.

Laniel Resignation Upsets Hopes of Indo-China Truce

Further Indo-China Fighting Will Precede Partition

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Saturday. — Another round of fighting in Indo-China before the country's partition can be accomplished now appears probable to observers here, irrespective of the unofficial contacts in Geneva between the French and the Vietnamese, which may continue after the formal part of the conference has ended.

There is satisfaction with Britain's role in Geneva, it being the considered view of the experts that Mr. Eden, by his moderation, has paved the way for a South-East Asian Pact including the Colombo powers: India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and Indonesia.

This success is unofficially contrasted with Mr. Dulles' failure in the same respect, although it is conceded that Australia and New Zealand are leaning to America's side and might even prefer American leadership to British. If this choice ever arose—a most improbable contingency.

It remains the British contention that the weakest link in the chain is the Vietnamese unwillingness to fight under French direction, and the lack of popular support for the French cause.

There is some satisfaction at Washington's reluctant acceptance of these realities, as witnessed by the planning for the use of the river as a whole. Mr. Byroade added.

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Dulles Disavows Unilateral Action

LOS ANGELES, Saturday (Reuters). — Secretary of State Dulles said today peace could not be brought to Indo-China merely by unilateral armed U.S. intervention.

Speaking before the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, he added, however, that the U.S. did not propose to buy peace at the price of surrender.

Mr. Dulles warned that any overt military aggression in Indo-China by the Chinese would be a deliberate threat to the security of the U.S. and the right of self-preservation would demand that they meet the same "aggressive" regardless of any other country. There was no such open Chinese invasion at present, he said.

The Secretary added that the Chinese Communists were to show in Indo-China, or elsewhere, that they were determined to pursue the path of overt military aggression, then

Coty Asks 48 Hours To Halt Crisis

PARIS, Saturday (Reuters). — President Rene Coty tonight asked for 48 hours' grace to try to avert a drawn-out political crisis which would jeopardize the Geneva conference and the French position in Indo-China.

M. Joseph Laniel has offered the resignation of his coalition Government at an emergency Cabinet meeting after the National Assembly had rejected its confidence by 308 votes to 292. The Premier would have been compelled to resign had the Opposition mustered 314 votes, an absolute majority.

The President asked for a breathing space to confer with political leaders on two possible solutions to avoid France being left leaderless at this critical stage:

1. A temporary patching up of the Laniel Coalition, and 2. The rapid formation of an alternative government.

The Government had staked its existence today on the rejection of three Opposition motions criticising its largest policy. Deputies rejected M. Laniel's last-minute warning about the impact of their vote on the Geneva Conference and on the military situation in Indo-China. "We might put back indefinitely the possibility of a ceasefire," he said. "At what date could the negotiations be resumed and at what price?" he asked.

Similar Government Seen. Political analysts estimated that the next Government was unlikely to be very different in composition from the present, as the Socialists, the largest parliamentary group with 108 Deputies, are reluctant to join any government just now. Any new Premier would have to depend on the same group; without the Socialists he must have Gaullist and Popular Republican support.

The Popular Republican Ministers reaffirmed at today's Cabinet meeting that their party would refuse to support any Premier who tried to scrap French foreign policy. This was seen principally as a warning against any attempt to scrap the European Army.

The defection of M. Laniel's Gaullist and Radical coalition partners caused his defeat. Some 44 Gaullists out of 76 joined the Communists and Socialists in opposition.

The Gaullists have grown hostile since M. Laniel joined the Popular Republicans in seeking a speedy vote on the European Army. M. Laniel's relations with the Radicals have been markedly cool since they successfully blocked his election as President of the Republic last December.

Europe Must Stay Out Of S. America — Dulles

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday (Reuters). — The Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, stated here on Thursday night that any attempt to extend "European" political systems to South America would be considered a danger to the U.S.

He said that the recent "massive" arms shipment to Guatemala had caused a "major shift of power" in South America. Addressing the San Francisco World Affairs Council, Mr. Dulles also added that the Chinese Communists, in a feeling of power and hatred for the U.S., might try to capture French positions in the Western Pacific with a view to "driving the U.S. back to California."

FIVE-POWER ARMY TALKS CONCLUDE

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuters). — The five-power military conference on South-East Asia ended last night with an announcement that high-ranking officers of the U.S., Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand would transmit their conclusions to their Governments.

The military representatives, who have been meeting in secret since June 3, made no disclosures as to what their conclusions were.

KNOWLAND ASKS STOP TO GENEVA TALKS

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — The Senate Republican leader, Mr. William Knowland, predicted today that the Associated States of Indo-China would declare their independence of France and ask for U.N. help before they would surrender to Communism.

He also told reporters that it was time to cut off the Geneva conference with the Communists.

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Social & Personal

Prof. B. Mazur, the President of the Hebrew University, who has also served as Rector for the past two years, has been re-elected as Rector for another year.

Mr. Itzhak Haskin, Treasurer of the Hadassah Executive, left by El Al for New York on Friday morning in connection with the Hadassah fundraising campaign.

Mr. Charles Patmore, Mayor of Johannesburg, left by El Al for Europe on Friday, after a two-day visit.

The Austrian Commercial Delegate, Mr. H. C. Katz, left for Moscow by Cyprus Airways on Friday morning.

Miss Paula Salzman left by air for Istanbul on Friday on her way to Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Chile. There she will give a series of piano recitals.

Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim Rahamim, Mr. Itzhak David Mann and Mr. H. Haskin were elected to the presidency of the Jerusalem Religious Council at the Council's first meeting held last week.

Police Inspector A. Hofstadter, Chief of the Criminal Investigation Department at Police Headquarters, and Inspector S. Rosello, Chief of Training Department, left by El Al for Britain on Friday morning on a study course sponsored by the U.N.

A panel of experts on the United Nations Operations Mission will be introduced by Mr. E. McDaniel to members and friends of the Israel-Africa Friendship League's Haifa branch at the Zion Hotel at 8.30 tomorrow night.

The American-Canadian Association's Haifa Branch is to hold its annual election meeting at the Givat-Or Cafe, Rehov Herzl, at 8.30 this evening.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, will be the guest of honor at the Bnai Bith Jerusalem Luncheon Club in the Touring Club, Talbich, at 1.15 p.m. tomorrow.

Representatives of Israel's cinema owners will attend the first European Film Festival in Jerusalem today, sending out four programmes over the eight-country network.

The British programme began with shots of the international athletic meeting between English, American and Continental teams at Glasgow, Scotland.

Queen Elizabeth was seen reviewing the Royal Naval Reserve in pouring rain in London then viewers were transferred back to Glasgow to see more of the sports.

Smuts Papers in Israel
Papers of Field Marshal J. C. Smuts, comprising letters and speeches written between 1927-1949, have been transferred to the Zionist Archives in Jerusalem.

The collection, which indicates the Field Marshal's steady support of the Zionist idea, was donated by Miss Sallie Richardson, who served for many years as his private secretary. It was presented in her name by Professor Norman Bentwich.

Copies of the papers were donated by Miss Richardson to Kibbutz Ramat Yohanan, near Haifa, which is named for the late Field Marshal.

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FORECAST: Fair.
 "A" Sunday at 2 p.m. at 11 miles
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THE MAPAI and **Mapam** members of the Rehovot Municipality Council have agreed to form a new coalition to supersede the present Mapai, Yemenui and Religious coalition.

IMPORTS due in Haifa this week include 10,000 tons of German steel, 2,023 cases of frozen herring, 51,435 cartons of frozen fish, 11,000 tons of Scandinavian, 3,500 tons of U.S. surplus butter and cheese.

THE ART EXHIBITION on flowers at the Haifa Municipal Gallery will remain open until tomorrow.

A MILITARY vehicle knocked down Berish Diamant, 65, of Casarea, on the Haifa-Tel Aviv highway near Rehovot, Haifa, on Friday. He was taken to the Haifa Rothschild Hospital in a serious condition.

HEARINGS on a petition by the residents of Bet Hakermel to order the Jerusalem Electric Corporation to discontinue the operation of a transformer in their area began on Friday in the Jerusalem District Court. They claim that it causes a disturbance.

KOL ZION LAGOLA will broadcast a discussion on "Are the Youth Movements Serving a Useful Purpose?" from the Israel Touring Club, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, at 8.30 tonight.

6280 GRAMMES of hashish were confiscated by Haifa police from a hut on the Shemen beach on Thursday night. Two residents of the hut, a woman, was released on bail. Two others were remanded for 10 days.

AN APPLICATION for an order restraining the Bat Yam Beach Company from exacting payment for entry to the fenced area of Bat Yam Beach was filed on Friday in the Tel Aviv District Court by Mr. Yosef Bat Yam resident.

AN ORDER of detention against a man wanted for fraud by the Belgian Police was issued on Friday by Mr. H. Steinberg, Tel Aviv Magistrate, at the request of the Israel Police.

TWO INSPECTORS of the Tel Aviv Municipality, Gershon Ashkenazi and Moshe Shatz, charged with accepting bribes from landowners who built houses in the Shapira Quarter in Tel Aviv, were released on IL200 bond each by Mr. H. Steinberg, Tel Aviv Magistrate, on Friday.

FOR MANUFACTURING alcohol without a license, two residents of Ekron, Itzhak Haimovitz, 38, and Max Benish, 36, were fined IL30 with the alternative of one month in prison by the Tel Aviv District Court on Friday.

T.A. Anti-Snake Drive TEL AVIV, Saturday. — An anti-snake campaign is to begin here tomorrow. The Sanitation Department will employ 50 workers to clear the brush from all public and open plots. All private property owners have been asked to clear their lots.

Three poisonous snakes were killed by the Haifa Fire Brigade on Thursday. Two of the snakes were killed in the Municipal stadium at Kiryat Eliezer, and the third on the I.P.C. road in the Bay Side area.

Habimah to Perform Twice in Paris LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday. — The "Golem" and "Michal, Daughter of Saul" will be the two plays which Habimah will present at the Paris Theatre Festival next season. The first Habimah performance at the Sarah Bernhardt Theatre is scheduled for July 21. Twenty Habimah players will leave by air a day earlier, Mr. A. Warshawer, of the Theatre's board, told an ITM reporter before he left for Paris by El Al yesterday.

About IL17,000 towards the estimated cost of the trip has been received, Mr. Warshawer said. The Government, the Jewish Agency and the Histadrut Executive each contributed IL5,000, while the Tel Aviv Municipality offered IL2,000.

RATION NEWS NORTHERN DISTRICT: Sugar, 1.20 gms., 30 extra gms. to Aleph Card. Yod 7 temp. 2 Rice, 20 gms., Aleph Card, 20 gms., Bet Card, Yod 8 temp. 21. Jew's May ration, 200 gms., no coupon.

Mr. & Mrs. David Lever and **Dr. & Mrs. Sigmar Ginsburg** of Buxton, England, are happy to announce the marriage of their children **MARTIN and RACHEL** which took place in Tel Aviv June 10, 1954.

Dr. M. & Mrs. Cohn and **Daniela Cohn (nee Hofmann)** 7 Jehov Gordon, Tel Aviv, 187 Hofmann, Zurich

Married June 13, 1954.

Negev Beduin Share in Historic Grain Harvest at Sde Boker

By MENY KATZEW
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SDE BOKER, Saturday. — The first large Jewish crop in the southern Negev highlands in 1,500 years has been harvested and is now being threshed. Equally as interesting is the fact that the harvest is being done by Beduin on a share basis.

They are to receive a third. This attempt by the settlers of Sde Boker to initiate an economic relationship with the Beduin may yet have far-reaching repercussions.

Five days ago, I stood with Mr. Danny Bogoslav, Sde Boker's soil expert, who hates the label because he says there are no Negev soil experts (only seekers), in a glory of 250 dunams of barley in the southern depression. In wadis surrounding the settlement were another 140 dunams of the same crop.

The crop was grown on a rainfall for the year of four inches. Harnessing the water from its watersheds gave the southern depression crop an equivalent of 10 inches.

In my contact with the Beduin three days earlier, I had not thought them picturesque, but in the harvest setting, with foothills in the background and the harvesters reaping with a clean cut through the crop, I had to retract. Picturesque indeed. Their camels added the final touch.

This agricultural triumph in the country of the Nabateans of centuries ago makes Sde Boker not only the home of a great man dreaming dreams of Negev conquest, but now gives reality to those dreams; it also makes Sde Boker a centre of new ideas in Israel-Arab relationships. For until 15 months ago they were hostile.

Mr. Bogoslav said to me, "Given cooperation, we could in time multiply scenes like this throughout the Middle East. This crop is a harbinger of what might be in Egypt, in Jordan, in Syria and the Lebanon. We have to build the edifice of peace."

The barley crop is not the only agricultural triumph at Sde Boker. A report by Mr. Bogoslav reads as follows:

"We had really good yields of winter crops: potatoes, radishes, late rains aided the establishment of young fruit trees, 250 dunams (figs, grapes, almonds, apricots, pomegranates, carobs, peaches) and made possible a large-scale summer crop programme. A total of 150 dunams of hybrid corn, sorghum, sorghum, Sudan grass, tomatoes, watermelon, squash, cucumber are all fully germinated and are doing nicely."

Volume on Haganah History Completed TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The first of four volumes of the history of the Haganah, published by the Jewish Agency and the Ministry of Defence, has been sent to press and is announced here yesterday.

The first volume covers the security problems of the Yishuv from before World War I to the Jerusalem massacres of 1920. It includes chapters on Hashomer, the Jewish Legion and the Nili group.

President Ben-Zvi is on the editing board, which is presided over by the Minister of Education and Culture, Prof. D. Dimur. Other members of the editorial board are Mr. Shaul Avigur, Mr. Israel Galili, Sgan-Aluf Eliezer Galili and Mr. Yehuda Slutski.

Sneh Reads Fascism in B. G.'s Speech TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The speech of Mr. Ben Gurion contained all the elements of fascism," Dr. M. Sneh declared at a meeting of the Communist and Left Socialist parties held here last night.

Dr. M. Sneh denied that the Jews were a unique people or were in a state of isolation. "We are not an isolated people. Since the October Revolution there is not an isolated people in the world," he asserted.

The meeting, which was summoned to defend "democracy in Israel" and to protest the "national oppression of the Arabs," was addressed by Mr. Melchior, member of the Communist Party, and by Abdul Rami Mohammed, Communist member of the Nazareth Municipal Council.

Refuses to Ride Across Lines on Sabbath RABBI COHEN, 24, who crossed to Jordan on Monday between Talmot and Sur Bah Village, refused to cross at Mandelbaum Gate yesterday because of the Sabbath.

The Israeli representatives were waiting for her at the Gate, but the Jordanians reported that she refused to get into the car. She will return today.

Couple Accused of Killing Four-Day-Old Child HAIFA, Saturday. — The preliminary examination was opened in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday against Ellahu Halima, 32, and his wife Gahia, 25, charged with the premeditated murder of their four-day-old baby by drowning near the Rambam Hospital here on May 14.

Assistant Superintendent of Police Z. Baum read the statement of the two accused at the police station. The husband, who was discharged from the Army 18 months ago, could find no work and the family was in a desperate situation. Their daughter was born on May 10.

Four days later, the couple left the hospital and walked to town carrying the infant, returning by taxi without the child. It was stated that the mother had gone to the shore and had thrown the baby into the sea.

Halima, in his testimony, said that he was angry, but that he had stated "I'll be better that way than that she should suffer." The couple, who have a boy of seven and a girl of two, arrived there five days ago. The mother told the police that she did not want the girl to grow up suffering privation.

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Saturday. — The Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Dr. I. R. Rosenberg, has filed a libel charge through a Haifa attorney against the owner of Yediot Ahronot, Mr. N. Moses; its editor, Dr. R. Nadel; and its publisher, the Yediot Ahronot Corporation Ltd., represented by Messrs. Y. Moses and A. Spector.

The plaintiff states that the afternoon tabloid in its issue of May 24 under the headline "Investigation Opened Against the Deputy Minister of Social Welfare" and "Meat Transactions" (written by B. Nadel) published libelous statements.

In the May 25 issue, an article written by Mr. Nadel and headed "The Storage Shed, the Spare Parts and the Deputy Minister" also contained libelous statements. Another complaint states. Another from a London reporter, which appeared under the headline, "Rosenberg Used Public Funds for His Private Benefit," is also included in the complaint.

TOLLY TO EXPECT MASS IMMIGRATION TEL AVIV, Saturday. — It would be folly to expect mass immigration from the U.S. Mr. Joseph Saphir, the Minister of Communications, stated last night at the fortnightly meeting of the B'nai B'rith forum in the Ohel Shem Hall here. Nevertheless, he said, American Jews would be coming to Israel in large numbers, and he invited them to visit Israel and even to invest here, "if only we knew the way to influence them."

District Court Judge Shlomo Ben-Zion, President of B'nai B'rith in Israel, opened the meeting.

US Scientist Ordered Out of Britain BIRMINGHAM, Saturday, (UP). — A 28-year-old American scientist, named in U.S. congressional testimony as a "secret Communist," stated today that the British Government had ordered him out of the country.

Dr. Joseph M. Cort, lecturer in physiology at Birmingham University, said that the Home Secretary, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, had notified him that he must leave Britain by June 30. Dr. Cort is expected to appeal against the decision.

GREECE ASSURES ITALY ATHENS, Saturday (Reuter). — Foreign Minister Stephanopoulos received the Italian Ambassador, Mr. Castro Caruso, today.

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The skeleton, perfectly preserved, was found about 80 cms. underground during excavations at Ehrwald. The lance, shield and bronze buckle are typical of the standard equipment of Roman soldiers of the 2nd Century C.E.

50-Kilometre Race Won by T.A. Man TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A 50-kilometre bicycle race on the Natanya road was won today by L. Taganaky, of Tel Aviv Hagapoel, who covered the distance in one hour, 43 minutes and won the Shimen factory cup.

The winner was followed at one minute intervals each by Amos Levi and Ariel Eliaz.

A handball tournament in Maccabi Month was won by Rehovot Bezelei Maccabi who beat Tel Aviv Hagapoel 4-3 and Rehovot Hagapoel 4-3.

First place in the Hagapoel District Group championship shooting meet at Ginosar today was won by Tiberias Hagapoel who made 658 points. Kfar Yehzekel Hagapoel placed second with 619 points, while Geva Hagapoel amassed 578 for third place.

The singles shooting event was won by Aharon Weinstein, of Kfar Yehzekel, 233 points, followed by Ya'acov Ya'ir, 215 points.

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Edward Hanania, who had suffered from tuberculosis of the bones since the age of four, was reunited with his mother after eight years of separation. During this time he was cured of the disease.

Contact between the boy and his mother had been broken since the War of Independence. The boy had been in tears at a farewell party given him at the institution. The family reunion was marred because the child and his mother no longer spoke the same language.

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